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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Lee Harvey OSWALD OS#351 164

- 1. On 22 March 1977 Gary M. LONNQUIST, Office of Communications, and the undersigned met during a social engagement (a party in his honor prior to his PCS to Manila). During social conversations, LONNQUIST mentioned an incident which occurred in the Security Records Davision file room relating to the OSWALD security files. LONNQUIST was subsequently interviewed by the undersigned and Jerry Brown, Deputy Chief, Security Analysis Group, on 23 March 1977 in the Security Analysis Group, Room 3E49, and LONNQUIST related substantially the following.
- 2. Sometime between May 1975 and January 1976 while an Office of Security employee assigned to the Security Records Division file room, LONNQUIST was requested to search SANCA in the name of Lee Harvey OSWALD. This request was in connection with a Freedom of Information case involving OSWALD, and LONNQUIST believed that Joyce HOWARD, also assigned to the Security Records Division, made the request. This search met with positive results, thus making LONNQUIST aware of the fact that OSWALD's name was entered in SANCA.
- 3. Subsequently, LONNQUIST came across a file which he described as relating to OSWALD, and he intended to file same with the rest of the OSWALD files on the shelf. LONNQUIST described this file as covert, thin, and having a higher file number than the rest of the OSWALD holdings. He could not remember the name which appeared on the outside of the file but thought that it may have been one of OSWALD's akas. He further related that he looked inside the file and believed that it was related to, or possibly identical with, the regular OSWALD holdings. While attempting to refile this covert file, he observed that all of the regular OSWALD holdings were permanently charged to the Security Analysis Group; thus he believes he sent the covert file to the Security Analysis Group.

- Later, LONNQUIST again queried SANCA in the name which he saw on the covert file but found no record. Perturbed, he queried Francis DAVIS (Indices Chief) as to why he could find no record in the name of a file which he knew existed. He specifically asked DAVIS if the name (which he cannot remember now) could have been erased from DAVIS replied that she did not think that was possible. He then apprised John BOLLINGER of the above, since BOLLINGER had processed the OSWALD Freedom of Information Act request. BOLLINGER made unknown inquiries for some three to four hours concerning the possible erasure of a name from SANCA and finally told CONNQUIST that there was nothing to worry about, that he (BOLLINGER) took care of the matter. LONNQUIST also advised that he made his immediate supervisor, Chuck TACKETT, aware of the incident. (LONNQUIST) advised that he heard nothing further concerning the incident but privately harbored doubts about the resolution of the incident. He mentioned that he entertained thoughts of reporting the incident to the Inspector General but has not discussed it with anyone subsequently until he apprised the undersigned on the night of 22 March 1977.
- 5. LONNQUIST was advised by the Deputy Chief, Security Analysis Group that the Security Analysis Group would make the incident a matter of official concern and would begin immediate inquiries. LONNQUIST was cautioned not to vocalize allegations regarding possible erasures of SANCA entries or possible illegal destruction of official files. However, he was told that he was perfectly free to bring the entire matter up with the Inspector General if he felt it necessary.

Michael E. Schneeberger Security Analysis Group